

AMENDED IN SENATE MARCH 14, 2006

**SENATE BILL**

**No. 1170**

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**Introduced by Senator Alquist**

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Coto)

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An act relating to charter schools.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1170, as amended, Alquist. Charter schools: funding.

The existing Charter Schools Act of 1992 authorizes and provides a procedure for the establishment of charter schools. Under existing law, charter schools receive public funding in accordance with specified provisions. Existing law provides for the apportionment of revenue limit and supplemental funding, as specified, to school districts that operate community day schools.

This bill would provide that charter schools that ~~primarily exclusively serve at-risk~~ *at-risk* pupils and operate under a charter approved by the County Board of Education for, *or by a school district in*, the County of Santa Clara to serve at-risk pupils *shall* receive revenue limit and supplemental funding, as specified, as if they were community day schools operated by the county *or by a school district in the county*.

This bill would make certain findings and declarations regarding the inapplicability of a general statute within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California Constitution.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. ~~A charter school that primarily serves at risk~~  
2     *Notwithstanding Sections 46300 and 48663 of the Education*  
3     *Code, a charter school that exclusively serves at-risk pupils and*  
4     operates under a charter approved by the County Board of  
5     Education for, *or by a school district in,* the County of Santa  
6     Clara to serve at-risk pupils shall receive revenue limit and  
7     supplemental funding pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with  
8     Section 48660) of Chapter 4 of Part 27 of the Education Code, as  
9     if it were a community day school operated by the county *or by a*  
10    *school district in the county.*

11    SEC. 2. The Legislature finds and declares that a special law  
12    is necessary and that a general law cannot be made applicable  
13    within the meaning of Section 16 of Article IV of the California  
14    Constitution because of the financial circumstances of charter  
15    schools that primarily serve at risk pupils and operates under  
16    charters approved by the County Board of Education for, *or by a*  
17    *school district in,* the County of Santa Clara.